

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/023,013

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/26/2004 & interview of 2/10/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9,12 and 14.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 102004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Claims 1-9, 12 and 14 are allowed.

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Davis (Reg # 30,744) on February 10, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

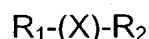
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Replace all pending claims as follows.

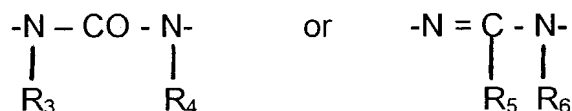
Claim 1. (Currently amended) A stable o/w microemulsion comprising

(i) between about 0.01 and about 10 wt. % of a concentrate formulation containing:

(a) between about 0.05 and about 25 wt. % of at least one active aza compound selected from the group consisting of Amitraz and an aza compound having the formula:



wherein one of R_1 and R_2 is alkenylphenyl, aminophenyl or a sulfur- and/or nitrogen-containing heterocyclic radical containing 3 to 5 carbon atoms in a 4 to 6 membered ring and the other of R_1 and R_2 is the same or is selected from the group consisting of amidosulfuron, phenyl, sulfonylphenyl, phenyloxy and phenyloxysulfonyl where said phenyl radicals and said heterocyclic radicals of R_1 and R_2 are optionally substituted with lower alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano, C_1 to C_4 alkyl ether, C_1 to C_4 ester, carboxyl, ketone amido and amino and X is :



where R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are each individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, cyano, and amino,

(b) between about 2 and about 40 wt. % of a lipophilic lactam selected from the group consisting of C_8 to C_{18} N-alkyl pyrrolidone, C_8 to C_{18} alkyl caprolactam and a mixture thereof,

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(c) between about 2 and about 20 wt. % of a moisture scavenging agent selected from the group consisting of a hindered carbopolyimide, a molecular sieve and a mixture thereof,

(d) between about 10 and about 80 wt. % of a lipophilic/hydrophilic mixture of having an overall HLB of 7 to 20, comprising at least two emulsifiers wherein at least one of said emulsifiers in the mixture are non-ionic and

(e) between 0 and about 15 wt. % of an aromatic oil;

(ii) between about 90 and about ~~99.99~~ 99.98 wt.% water and

(iii) between about 0.01 and about 5 wt.% of an alkaline buffering agent selected from the group consisting of a Na, K and/or ammonium salt of a weak acid, a polyalkanol amino C₁ to C₄ alkane, a polyamine salt of a weak acid, a Na, K and/or ammonium salt of a phenol or polyphenol, an amine salt of a weak acid and a mixture of the foregoing buffering agents to adjust the pH of the microemulsion to 8-11.

Claim 2. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 1 wherein the buffering agent is a Na, K or ammonium salt of a weak acid selected from the group consisting of carbonic, malonic, malic, succinic, glutaric, boric acid and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 2 wherein the buffering agent is a carbonate salt or a mixture of carbonate and bicarbonate salts.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The microemulsion of claim 2 wherein said salt is a sodium salt.

Claim 5. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 1 wherein the aza compound is selected from the group of a sulfuron and amitraz.

Claim 6. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 1 which contains between about 0.1 and about 2 wt.% of said buffering agent.

Claim 7. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 1 which contains between about 0.2 and about 1 wt. % of said buffering agent.

Claim 8. (Original) The microemulsion of claim 1 containing between about 0.02 and about 5.0 wt. % of said concentrate.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The microemulsion of claim 8 wherein said concentrate contains between about 8 and about 15 wt. % (a); between about 15 and about 30 wt. % (b); between about 7 and about 15 wt. % (c) and between about 65 and about 78 wt. % (d).

Claim 10. (Cancelled).

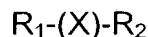
Claim 11. (Cancelled).

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The application of the microemulsion of one of claims 1, 6, 7 or 9 in a biocidal amount to livestock by dip or by spray.

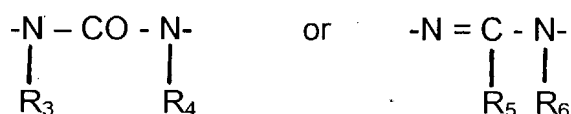
Claim 13. (Cancelled).

Claim 14. (Currently amended). A stable o/w microemulsion comprising
(i) between about 0.01 and about 10 wt. % of a concentrate formulation containing:

(a) between about 0.05 and about 25 wt. % of at least one active aza compound selected from the group consisting of Amitraz and an aza compound having the formula:



wherein one of R_1 and R_2 is alkenylphenyl, aminophenyl or a sulfur- and/or nitrogen-containing heterocyclic radical containing 3 to 5 carbon atoms in a 4 to 6 membered ring and the other of R_1 and R_2 is the same or is selected from the group consisting of amidosulfuron, phenyl, sulfonylphenyl, phenyloxy and phenyloxysulfonyl where said phenyl radicals and said heterocyclic radicals of R_1 and R_2 are optionally substituted with lower alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, cyano, C_1 to C_4 alkyl ether, C_1 to C_4 ester, carboxyl, ketone amido and amino and X is:



where R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are each individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, cyano, and amino,

(b) between about 2 and about 40 wt. % of a lipophilic lactam selected from the group consisting of C_8 to C_{18} N-alkyl pyrrolidone, C_8 to C_{18} alkyl caprolactam and a mixture thereof,

(c) between about 2 and about 20 wt. % of a moisture scavenging agent selected from the group consisting of a hindered carbopolyimide, a molecular sieve and a mixture thereof,

(d) between about 10 and about 80 wt. % of a lipophilic/hydrophilic mixture of having an overall HLB of 7 to 20, comprising at least two emulsifiers wherein at least one of said emulsifiers in the mixture are non-ionic;

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(e) between 0 and about 15 wt. % of an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of an alkyl naphthalene, a hydrogenated alkyl naphthalene and a mixture thereof;

(ii) between about 90 and about 99.99 99.98 wt. of water and

(iii) between about 0.01 and about 5 wt.% of an alkaline buffering agent selected from the group consisting of a Na, K and/or ammonium salt of a weak acid, a polyalkanol amino C₁ to C₄ alkane, a polyamine salt of a weak acid, a Na, K and/or ammonium salt of a phenol or polyphenol, an amine salt of a weak acid and a mixture of the foregoing buffering agents; and

(iv) wherein further added to extend said emulsion between about 5 and about 12 wt.% of an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of an alkyl naphthalene, a hydrogenated alkyl naphthalene and a mixture thereof.

Reasons for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: attention is directed to paragraph number 7 of the Office action mailed December 9, 2003. Basis for the amendments can be found (1) for water concentrations in the examples and in the additive values of the individual components; and for the aromatic oil concentrations of claim 14 in the examples, at page 7 of the specification, and original claim 10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Metzmaier whose telephone number is (703) 308-0451. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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